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1. The Czechoslovak army is apparently undergoing a reorganization. Vacancies caused by recent purges are to be filled with politically reliable persons. Reserve officers are to be called for extensive three-year training, possibly in the USSR, and those who are judged unreliable are to be reindoctrinated for military service.
2. Officers who had formerly served with the Czech Army of the First Republic and who are still of military age will be stripped of their ranks and drafted. This order affects many former priests.*
3. Slovak troops are still considered unreliable and are therefore mixed with other troops. Special units of unreliable but previously trained troops are being formed for work in mines. The training of new recruits is being continued.
4. Old German and new Soviet equipment is used, and all new equipment is under tight security controls. These conditions also prevail at the Pardubice and Prague airfields.
5. Since 1 January 1951 all insignia has been adapted to Soviet standards.
6. Rest hotels at Karlovy Vary are now used as an army headquarters, possibly for the border control command. Many Soviet officers are stationed there; they are seldom seen in uniform. A direct Moscow-Karlovy Vary railroad connection is to be opened in March 1951.
7. Troops** stationed throughout Czechoslovakia have recently been sent to the Bavarian border. No large concentrations of troops on the Austrian border have been reported to date.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: It cannot be determined from the report whether these priests were chaplains with the Czech Republican Army or had formerly been regular members of this army.

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